



SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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January 6, 2013

Parish Office

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Office Hours

Monday—Friday

9:00AM—5:00PM

Closed Wednesday 1PM-3PM

Religious Ed. Office

770 - 432-5296

Office Hours

Monday—Thursday

10:00AM—6:00PM

Preschool Office

770 - 432-8579 Ext. 125

Office Hours

Tuesday—Thursday

10:00AM - 1:00PM

English Mass Schedule

Monday:	12 Noon
Tuesday:	12 Noon
Wednesday:	6:30 AM & 7:00 PM
Thursday:	7:00 PM
Friday:	12 Noon
Saturday Vigil:	5:00 PM
Sunday:	7:30 AM, 9:30 AM 11:30 AM & 5:00 PM

Confession:

Saturdays: 3:30 PM

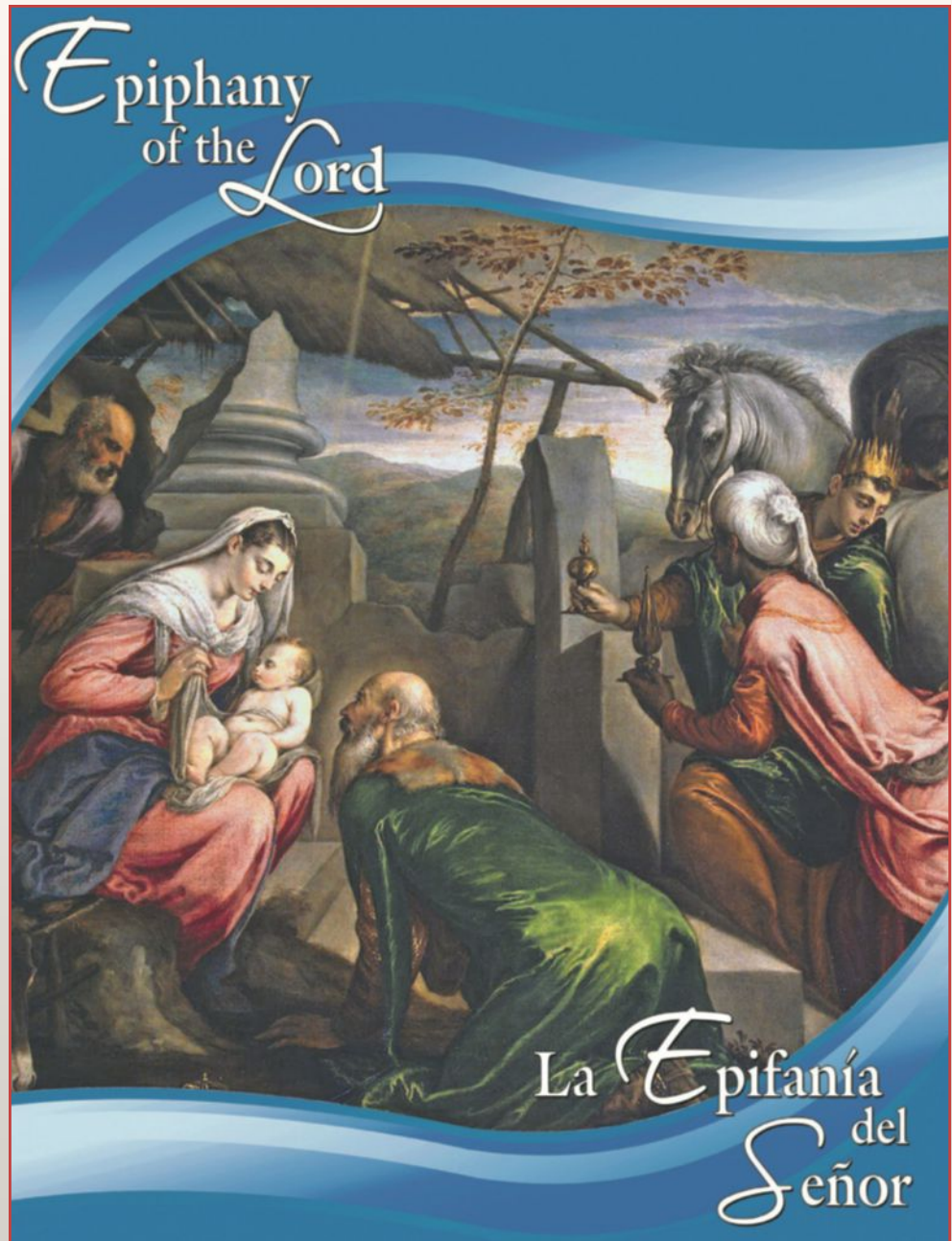
Horario de Misas en Español

Lunes:	7:30 PM
Jueves:	8:00 PM
Sábado:	7:30 PM
Domingo:	6:00 AM 2:00 PM & 7:30 PM

Confesión:

Sábados: 6:30 PM

Domingos: 1:00 & 6:30 PM

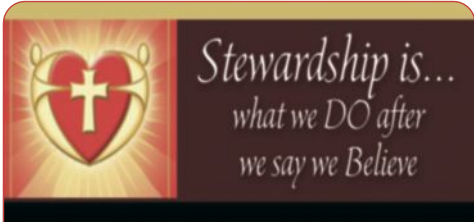


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Pastor: Rev. Brian R. Sheridan, M.S. (x108)

Parochial Vicars: Rev. Pedro Chingandu, M.S. (x106) • Rev. Andrews Kollanoor, M.S. (x128) • Rev. Jaime Molina J., M.N.M. (x121)
• Rev. Paul Rainville, M.S. (in residence x.193) • **Deacons:** Rev. Mr. Michael Garrett • Rev. Mr. Earl Jackson • Rev. Mr. Mark Mitchell

Parish Administrator: Mr. Gus Scannapieco (x109)



Offertory/Ofertorio December 29-30, 2012

Not available at time of publication. Please contact the Parish Administrator if you need additional information 770-432-8579 Ext. 109

FY 2012 Offertory Projection vs. Actual to Date
Ofertorio: Proyección vs. Real

To Date Budget (<i>Proyección</i>)	\$950,000.00
To Date Actual (<i>Real</i>)	\$616,308.00
To Date Shortfall (<i>Pérdida</i>)	\$333,692.00



Operating Financial Statement (4 months)
Costos de Operación (4 meses)

Revenue (<i>Ingresos</i>)	\$827,072.00
Expenses (<i>Gastos</i>)	\$736,731.00
Assessment Owed to Archdiocese	\$149,096.00
<i>(Deuda con la Arquidiócesis)</i>	
Loss from Operations	\$58,755.00
<i>(Pérdida por Operaciones)</i>	
Additional Assessments	\$975,501.00
still owed to Archdiocese from 2010/2011	
<i>(Deudas Adicionales del 2010/2011)</i>	

Update on our Capital Campaign
Moving Forward In Hope
Campaña Caminando en Esperanza

Goal (<i>Meta</i>)	\$5,000,000.00
Pledged to Date	\$3,045,339.00
<i>Compromisos hasta la fecha</i>	
Past Due 12 Payments	(\$581,000.00)
<i>12 Pagos atrasados</i>	
Pledges Net of Past Due	\$2,464,339.00
<i>Compromisos netos</i>	
Collected to Date	\$1,638,187.00
<i>Recolectado hasta la fecha</i>	
Campaign Expenses	(\$245,840.00)
<i>Gastos de Campaña</i>	
Net Funds to Date	\$1,392,347.00
<i>Pagos netos hasta la fecha</i>	
Number of Donors (<i>No. de Donantes</i>)	1,306

Archbishop Annual Appeal 2012
Llamado Anual del Arzobispo 2012

Goal (<i>Meta</i>)	\$131,883.00
Pledged (<i>Compromisos</i>)	\$180,034.00
Paid to date (<i>Pagos</i>)	\$119,851.00
Number of Donors (<i>No. de Donantes</i>)	926

In Our Prayers / En Nuestras Oraciones

Please pray for the people who are listed on this Bulletin Sick List. Call the Parish Office to place a name on the list. Then we ask that you contact us one time per month and tell us how they are doing. They are always in our prayers.

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|----------------|---------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| Crista Acosta | Paula de Jesus | Alan Knieter | Mary Ellen Rizzuto |
| Samuel Bright | Richard Gaeta, Sr. | Linda Laurens | Steve Scheneman |
| Brandi Dabney | Paula Garcia Patiño | Shirley Loggins | Lenna Spencer |
| Becky Dillon | Lauren Garger | Dorothy Madson | Margaret Spencer |
| Chris Campbell | Sandy Haynes | Elio Mastrocola | Dani Sullivan |
| Tara Cantrell | Denisse Hernandez | Leona Morales | MaryAnne Sutter |
| Ricky Carreño | Danielle Jinks | Nakia Natali | David Troughton, Sr. |
| Bob Contino | Cordelia Kelly | Rodolfo Proaño | Kimberly Urióstegui |
| Doris Cushing | Gloria Kincer | Arellys Ramirez | |

Here at St. Thomas the Apostle we have a **Prayer Line Ministry**. The members of this ministry are dedicated prayer warriors.

If you have a prayer request that you would like to place in the care of the Prayer Line, contact Valerie Panditaratne at vpandit@emory.edu

Pray For Our Troops / Oremos por nuestros soldados

We remember in our prayers all of those who are serving in the military, especially: / Recordamos en nuestras oraciones a todos aquellos que se encuentran sirviendo en el ejército, especialmente:

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|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Sgt. John R Beuth ANG | SFC Charles Granke, USA | HM3 Kenneth McIntosh, II, USN |
| CWO5 Kevin Scott Bera, USMC | PFC Ronald Griffin, Jr., USA | 2LT Kyle Perneli, USA |
| Sgt. 1st Class Samuel Bright, USA | Sgt. William Scott Haney, ARNG | PFC Ernest Dean Rivera, USMC |
| Sgt. Manuel Chico, USA | E3 Spencer Hanemann, USN | Specialist Robert H. Roberts, USA |
| Sgt. Christopher Conkel, USMC | PFC Brian Harris, USA | Major Robert A. Robinson, II USA |
| SFC Steve Creason, GaARNG | Maj. Marise James, USAF | Pvt. Jeffrey Sanborn, USA |
| SFC Arcelio R. Davis, Jr. USA | LT CDR Dominic R. Lovello | CPT Anna Smith, ARNG |
| ET3 Carolyn Deacon, USN | CW3 Peter Paul Leone, USA | S.Sgt. Michael Throne, USA |
| Sgt. Mark Gallant, USA | LCpl. Gerardo Morales, Jr. USMC | CW4 Anthony Veney, USA |
| LCpl. Quinn Gordon, USMC | | |

Please contact the Parish Office if you have a family member who is serving in the military.

Next Sunday's Readings / lecturas para el próximo domingo

January 13, 2013—The Baptism of the Lord



First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Second Reading: Acts 10:34-38

Gospel: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

For complete list of weekly readings please visit: www.usccb.org/bible/readings

Children's Offering / Ofrenda de los Niños December 15-16, 2012



Children's Envelopes available in the Commons Area.

Treasure (Tesoro): \$332.22

Time & Talent (Tiempo y Talento):

- I prayed (*Recé*) ♥ I said ThankYou (*Dije Gracias*) ♥ Being patient (*Ser paciente*) ♥ Wrapping a gift for my teacher (*Envolví un regalo para mi maestro*) ♥ Cleaned the table and cleaned my room (*Limpié la mesa y mi cuarto*) ♥ I passed the ball to everybody (*Pasé la pelota a todos*) ♥ I went to school (*Fui a la escuela*) ♥ Helped my sister (*Ayudé a mi hermana*) ♥ Juanito who is 3 years old and behaves well at school (*Juanito tiene 3 años y se porta bien en la escuela*) ♥ I said sorry (*Pedí perdón*) ♥ No television (*No televisión*) ♥ To do the rosary (*Recé el rosario*) ♥

Fr. Jim's Farewell Events

Despedida del Padre Jim

Please join us during the weekend of January 12th and 13th to say "THANKS" to Fr. Jim.

Appreciation Dinner
Saturday, January 12, 2013—6:00 p.m.
 Social Hall

Limited seating due to capacity and fire code regulations.

 **Open House** 
Sunday, January 13, 2013
 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Social Hall

Join us to thank Fr. Jim for his years of service to St. Thomas the Apostle Parish. Parish wide event. ALL are welcome!

Cena de Agradecimiento
Sábado, 12 de enero, 2013—6:00 p.m.
Salón Social

Espacio limitado debido al código de incendios.

 **Convivio General de Despedida** 
Domingo, 13 de enero, 2013
 10:00 a.m. a 3:00 p.m.

Salón Social

*Abierto a TODA la parroquia.
 ¡TODOS son bienvenidos!*

Our new pastor, Fr. Brian Sheridan, M.S.

Nuestro nuevo párroco, Padre Brian Sheridan, M.S.



As it was announced last weekend, the Provincial Superior of the Missionaries of La Salette has named Fr. Brian R. Sheridan, M.S. as **Pastor of St. Thomas the Apostle, in Smyrna, effective January 3, 2013.**

Fr. Brian was born in East Hartford, CT in 1954. He professed First Vows as a La Salette Missionary on September 19, 1981, at Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Hartford, CT. He was ordained a Priest by Most Rev. Alfred Hughes on May 28, 1983, in Ipswich, MA.

He has served in a number of parishes, including St. Ann in Marietta, GA. Following the call to serve the foreign missions he was sent to Argentina where he served in Clodomira, Santiago del Estero. He returned to the U.S. in 1992 to become Director of the La Salette Mission Office in Hartford, CT. He served as Shrine Director in Altamont, N.Y. before becoming Pastor of Good Shepherd Parish in Orlando, FL. His most recent assignment was as Pastor at Our Lady of Sorrows, Hartford, CT.

Let's give Fr. Brian a warm welcome!

Tal como se anunció el fin de semana pasado, el Superior Provincial de los Misioneros de La Salette ha nombrado al Padre Brian R. Sheridan, M.S. como el Nuevo párroco de Santo Tomás el Apóstol, a partir del 3 de enero del 2013.

El Padre Brian nació en 1954 y fue ordenado el 28 de mayo de 1983 y ha servido en diversas parroquias de los Estados Unidos y misiones extranjeras, incluyendo Clodomira, en Santiago del Estero (Argentina).

¡Ofrezcamos una cordial bienvenida al Padre Brian!

Coming soon ...

January 8
 7:30 p.m.
 Main Sanctuary
Ignite!

Join us for an exceptional evening of worship, prayer, music, scriptures and faith stories. Light dinner is served at 6:15 p.m. in the Social Hall.

January 11, 2013
 7:15 p.m.
 Social Hall

Holy Hollywood
 Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and movie begins at 7:15 p.m. See Page 4 for more details.

January 13, 2013
 10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
 Social Hall

Fr. Jim's Farewell
 ALL ARE WELCOME TO THIS **OPEN HOUSE!** See more details on this page.

February 2, 2013
 6:30 p.m.
 Social Hall

Casino Night
 Save the date for a fun event and help raising funds for our church.



Holy Hollywood

Please join us in the Social Hall for the Holy Hollywood showing of **The Descendants on Friday, January 11, 2013.** The film is set in Hawaii and is a sometimes humorous, sometimes tragic journey for Matt King (George Clooney) who is forced to re-examine his past and embrace his future when his wife suffers a boating accident. **Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and movie begins at 7:15 p.m.** A group facilitated discussion will be conducted immediately at the end of the movie. Soft drinks and snacks will be available however feel free to bring something to eat and/or drink before or during the movie.

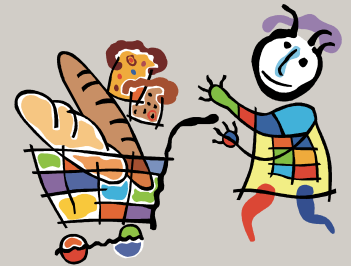
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Just imagine a family seated around a table on Christmas day with bowed heads. They are giving thanks to God for the kindness of people like you who gave so generously to our Giving Tree and to our St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank making their Christmas day a time of joy.

Keep in mind, though that when the festivities of Christmas have past, the needs in our community to share with our brothers and sisters continues.

Staples can be left in the food bins in Commons or you can contribute monetarily through the 2nd collection for the weekend masses of January 5th and 6th.

If you would like to volunteer with our St. Vincent de Paul Society, please leave a message at 770-432-8579 Ext. 300.



Pew Angels

The **Pew Angels Ministry** is looking for more volunteers to help straighten up the pews before and after the weekend masses. **Pew Angels are needed on Monday and/or Friday mornings from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.** Call the parish office if you are willing to help.

Angelitos de las Bancas

Necesitamos voluntarios los lunes y/o viernes de 10:00 a.m. a 11:30 a.m. para ordenar los materiales de las bancas en la iglesia. Si deseas ayudar, por favor llama a la oficina parroquial.

Parish e-Newsletter

A new edition of our Parish eNewsletter is coming out in a few weeks!

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www.stthomastheapostle.org/communications/newsletter/

PARISH AGENDA—January 7, 2013—January 13, 2013

MONDAY, JANUARY 7

NO PSR
9:00 AM PRESCHOOL
12:00 PM Mass
6:00 PM INEA
6:30 PM GOOD NEWS PEOPLE
7:00 PM EMA CHOIR
7:30 PM Misa
8:00 PM EVANGELIZATION CHOIR

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8

9:00 AM PRESCHOOL
12:00 PM Mass
6:00 PM INEA
6:15 PM IGNITE DINNER
6:30 PM SVdP
7:00 PM EMA CHOIR
7:30 PM IGNITE!
8:15 PM APOYO A LA FAMILIA

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9

6:30 AM Mass
7:00 AM ADORATION

9:00 AM PRESCHOOL
9:30 PM JUST FAITH
6:00 PM INEA
6:45 PM BENEDICTION
7:00 PM Mass
7:00 PM CRACK IT OPEN
JUST FAITH
PSR
WOMEN'S AUXILIARY
7:30 PM LIFETEEN BAND
6:45 PM EVANGELIZED COMMUNITIES

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10

9:00 AM PRESCHOOL
10:00 AM BIBLE STUDY
6:30 PM ROSARY
7:00 PM CHOIR REHEARSAL
PSR
THIRSTY THURSDAY
7:00 PM Mass
8:00 PM REVIVAL RETREAT
8:30 PM Misa

FRIDAY, JANUARY 11

REVIVAL RETREAT
9:00 AM PRESCHOOL
12:00 PM Mass
6:00 PM INEA
7:00 PM HOLY HOLLYWOOD
8:00 PM ASAMBLEA DE ORACIÓN
GIRL SCOUTS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12

REVIVAL RETREAT
8:00 AM ULTREYA
9:00 AM BAUTISMOS
10:00 AM MARÍA NIÑA
11:30 AM QUINCEAÑERAS
100 PM GIRL SCOUTS
3:30 PM CONFESSIONS
5:00 PM Mass
6:00 PM FAREWELL DINNER
7:30 PM Misa

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13

6:00 AM Misa
7:30 AM Mass
9:30 AM Mass
9:30 AM PSR
10:00 AM FR. JIM'S OPEN HOUSE
11:00 AM LEGION OF MARY
11:15 AM PSR
11:30 AM Mass
12:30 PM Apostles Class
2:00 PM Misa
5:00 PM Mass
5:00 PM EVANGELIZATION CHOIR
6:00 PM LEGACY COLLEGE MINISTRY
6:30 PM LIFE NIGHT
7:30 PM Misa

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK WERE NOT AVAILABLE AT TIME OF PUBLICATION. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE AT 770-432-8579 EXT. 0

Chalking the Door

Chalking the Door is an Epiphany ritual, a way of marking our homes, usually at the front or main entrance, with sacred signs and symbols as we ask God's blessing upon those who live, work, or visit throughout the coming year.

In Exodus, the Israelites marked their doors with blood so that the Lord would pass over their homes; but today, we mark our doors with chalk as a sign that we have invited God's presence and blessing into our homes.

Using chalk, members of the household write on the door frame the year's date and the letters C, B, and M (the initials of the three wise men). The date is interrupted by the letters: **20+C+M+B+13** for this Epiphany. Prayer is then offered asking that the door welcome many visitors during the coming year and that all who come through the doorway be blessed.

*God of doors and homes,
bless this home this year
and every year.*

*Bless all who come and go
through this door,
both those who live here
and those who visit.*

*May all who enter through this door
come in peace and bring joy.*

*May all who come to this door
find welcome and love.*

*May the love and joy in this home
overflow
and spread into the community
and the world.*

Amen.



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7:30 p.m.
Main
Sanctuary
Ignite!

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Prize Donations Wanted!

The Women's Auxiliary will again be hosting a Casino Night on Saturday, February 2, 2013.

We are looking for items or services that can be used either as an auction item or a raffle

item. Do you know someone who might have an item or service that they would be willing to donate for this purpose? Or perhaps you work for a company that makes donations. Remember that all the monies we raise go to St. Thomas the Apostle church in some way. If you know of someone that might be able to help or need more information please contact Ann Corrigan at 404-932-5004 or amc014@att.net by January 7th. All items or services will be greatly appreciated. Thank you!



50/50 Raffle Coming Soon!

Our Knights of Columbus Council is pleased to announce the return of the parish raffle 50/50, starting in January 2013. Tickets will be sold monthly at \$10 each with an end of month drawing.

The winner will receive 50% of the ticket sales, the balance being shared between the Council and the Parish Building Fund. Please watch for our coming Bulletin insert.

Ultreya Meeting

Saturday, January 12th at 8:00 a.m. in Classroom #2. For more information, please contact Don Sabaresse at: 770-435-3024.



Preschool Registration Matrícula de Preescolar

Preschool registration for the 2013-2014 school year will take place starting February 4th, 2013. Tours are available January 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th at 10:00 a.m.

Meet our Director in the main office of the church, no pre-registration required. Our Preschool program serves children who are at least 2 years old by September 1st of the current school year through Pre-K 4's.

Tuition fees for the 2013-2014 will be available by January 9th at www.stthomastheapostle.org/preschool or in the commons area of the church.

La matrícula para nuestro preescolar será el 4 de febrero. Nuestro preescolar sirve a niños con edades entre los 2 y 4 años. Para más información y cuotas de matrícula por favor llamar a Mónica Signoret al 770-432-8579 Ext. 125.

Epiphany of the Lord



The story of the Magi — the Three Kings — is one of the most endearing and most familiar to all Catholics. Because they brought gifts, it is also the focus of many stewardship commentaries. In addition, it may be one of the more misunderstood stories around the birth of Jesus.

Epiphany is a word with Greek origins that means “manifestation.” We celebrate Epiphany because it represents the realization (related to the appearance and visit of the Magi to the Christ child) that Jesus was indeed the Son of God, for the Gentiles as well as the Jews.

The first reading from Isaiah makes reference to light and glory and shining radiance. It also forecasts our vision of the visit of the Magi, declaring “Caravans of camels shall fill you, dromedaries from Midian and Ephah; all from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the LORD.” From the scores of paintings and books and movies which portray the visit of the Magi we can all visualize the camels and dromedaries and gifts of gold and frankincense.

Paul’s letter to the Ephesians, the second reading, also contains a reference which enlightens and heartens all who practice stewardship as a way of life. Speaking to the communities in Asia Minor, Paul reminds them, “You have heard of the stewardship of God’s grace that was given to me for your benefit, namely, that the mystery was made known to me by revelation.” The word “stewardship” does not appear often in scripture, although the concept is present throughout, and especially in the parables of Jesus. As is the case with much of scripture, Biblical scholars do not universally agree on authors. Nevertheless, all agree that the letter to the Ephesians was written in Greek, and if by Paul most likely in 60-62 AD.

In the original Greek Paul wrote *oikonomia* which has multiple meanings and translations, including the “management of another’s property” and “administration” and “responsibility” and “stewardship.” The point is that Paul uses this term to speak of a grace he has received from God, making it clear that stewardship involves divine is how we use the gifts we have been given.

The visit of the Magi to the child Jesus is reported only in Matthew’s Gospel. Matthew never states that there were three — that is an assumption that has been made based upon the three gifts. Traditional representations of their visit place them in the stable where Jesus was born. Matthew, on the other hand, makes reference to the Magi visiting the Holy Family in their house — which would imply they might have come to Nazareth, not to Bethlehem.

In point of fact, it does not matter how we interpret the specifics of the visit of these men “from the east.” The stewardship aspects of this story present us a real view of what is expected of us as stewards. The visitors from the East made valuable gifts to the Holy Family — gifts with a cost that may have represented a sacrifice on their part. Furthermore, the gifts were given at a time when the Holy Family had a need — they were preparing to flee to Egypt. The generosity of the Magi may have been the instrument which allowed them to do that. Being from a distant land, these “wise men” acknowledge that Christ is the Savior of all lands and all peoples. Near the end of Matthew’s Gospel, Jesus reminds us that nations will be judged not just on how they treat Him, but on how we treat His brothers and sisters in need — a call to stewardship.

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